



## SOAR SPOTS

### Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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#### Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

February 19<sup>th</sup> - PSS Monthly Meeting (President's day)

#### President's Message - by Richard Burns

Well here we are in February already and even though the field is closed for reseeding there have been more than a few memorable moments for our club since my last writing. The club banquet and awards ceremony was a big success. Thirty-four members and their significant others attended the best club bash yet. Congratulations to Keith Kendrick and Alex Eremenko for taking top honors in Unlimited and Two-meter annual standings respectively. For those of you who didn't win, there is always next year. Congratulations to those who were "awarded" the President's Special Recognition Trophies. If you were lucky enough to dodge that bullet, just remember, there is always next year! Rumor has it that Mike Ratner is well on his way to a Three-peat in the category he won. Joe Nave was the Grand prizewinner of the Multiplex Cockpit MM transmitter and computer flight simulator program. This marked the first time someone other than Mike or Amber won the big prize. Wonders never cease!

We have a Two-day date! Yes, it's true. After exhaustive negotiations with the permit office for Area-H, PSS. will be holding our Rosebowl Soaring Festival on July 28th and July 29th, 2001. Mark your calendars. All Weekend passes and Liberty will be canceled! This years event is later than we usually hold it but it was the only full weekend the field was available all year. The next two years will continue to be difficult ones as far as scheduling the field is concerned. There is light at the end of the tunnel though. The "Good" news is that the Galaxy soccer organization is breaking ground this June on a stadium in Dominguez Hills. The "Bad" news is SULA will be out their field. As long as the L.A. Coliseum wins out over the Rosebowl on a future bid for a pro football team, we should be in good shape!

I attended the SC2 meeting in January to decide the schedule for the year. Mike Lee was elected president of SC2 for a second term. PSS. Will be hosting the SC<sup>2</sup> on April 29, 2001. Yes, I have the permit. Here is the entire SC<sup>2</sup> calendar for 2001:

April 01 - SULA	June 24 - SWSA	October 28 - ISS
April 29 - PSS	August 26 - TOSS	
May 20 - TPG	September 23 - HSS	

I also have a tentative schedule for our monthly contests for the year but will not publish it until next month because it is set in wet cement. It should be dry soon. If we are lucky enough to have a

contest the last Sunday in February (25th), I'll start a phone calling campaign to notify everyone who has paid their dues. Emphasis on paid.

Contrary to popular belief, I did not attend the recent CASL 2-Day. Instead, I attended the Central Arizona Film Festival. Here is a review of the films I saw:

Cast Away - The story of a world champion RC sailplane pilot (played by Daryl Perkins) who lands so far off the field that his walk of shame lasts four years in the Arizona desert.

Gone in Sixty Seconds - A who-done-it mystery of a high loss vehicle burglary that leaves the victim "Multi-per-plexed". Rated "O" For Ouch.

Vertical Limit - The Mike Ratner pop off story. Following a disastrous launch, the lead "character" struggles to get his flight time. He manages to find and crash into the only Palm tree in the middle of the Arizona desert.

The Emperor's New Groove - Starring Joe Wurts. After much prodding, the founder of the Pismo Beach Soaring Society is swayed to fly for PSS at a large 2-day event. He agrees. You guessed it, Pismo Wins.

What Women Don't Want - A male version of Thelma and Louise? Two men pack up a pickup truck full of model sailplanes and head out to Arizona for a weekend of adventure in the desert sun. Stars John Rodgers and Frank Leppla.

....And some people say I have too much spare time!

### **1st Vice Presidents Report** - by Mike Ratner

This month I will start off with a contest report for the Arizona 2-day. PSS didn't win team. Matter of fact it didn't win much of anything. We had the most awesome team ever put together. So powerful that I won't even mention any names, we did that bad. Yours truly didn't even finish. Our mighty club president, tanked, as did all too many others. If I didn't like everyone so much I might be embarrassed. Its times like this that we have to remind ourselves that it's a hobby. Some 180 pilots took the field in absolutely beautiful weather. A cool 40's in the morning turned into high 70's and low 80's during the day. There were night flights and pylon racing along with a hand launch contest Saturday after the contest. All in all it was another excellent contest. The only down side was the vast quantity of planes lost at the winches. Oh yea, I think Karlton gave the farm away again during the raffle. God Bless his generosity.

As for our contests, we have the April 29th SC<sup>2</sup> at Pasadena. Look to do some work on this date. The PSS 2-day will be in July due to field conflicts, and the earliest date we can get for a club monthly is February 25th but don't hold your breath. The fence and the reseedng of the field started late. See you at the club meeting Monday. There should be more about upcoming club contests then.

**Pay Your Dues for 2001** - Have you renewed your dues yet? If not - you will be missing out on some great fun. Send some money to Al Zimmerman. Give him a call for details.

**PSS Meetings** - Our regular monthly meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month in the Kaiser Permanente Offices at 393 East Walnut, Pasadena, CA in Conference Room 7L. Starting time is 7:30PM. The parking lot is entered off of Los Robles Avenue just north of Walnut Avenue. Push the button and tell the guard where you are going and he will let you in. Find your way to the front door and sign in. Ride the elevator to the seventh floor. An interesting time awaits you..... refreshments?

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